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BURTON PLANTATION

Management Committee meeting – 12th July, 2007.

Minutes.

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- 1] Present – Margaret Pickford[Chair], Paul Rushforth[Sec], Cath Thomson, Robert Shields.
 - 2] Apologies – Diana Edmonds, Derek Brewis.
 - 3] Minutes of last meeting – were approved
 - 4] Matters arising. Copies of the Constitution were given out.
 - 5] 'Breathing Places' Funding.

Cath introduced Sarah Bentham from the BTCV. Who had come along to to give us her advice on the work we should do in the Plantation. She had been shown around the Plantation by Cath before the meeting and her main points were as follows =

 - [a] Pieces of log, say 2ft long should be laid down crosswise in the boggy sections and covered with chippings to create a walking surface.
 - [b] Snowberry.

These should be removed during the Oct – Feb. period, and could be burnt [village bonfire ?] afterwards. It would be best to get the roots out as well to prevent further growth.
 - [c] Insurance cover.

This should be checked on to ensure any volunteers are covered.
The BTCV. Do offer this type of cover.
 - [d] Thinning out of the smaller trees.

The non-native ones [sycamore etc] should be removed, and the roots removed as well – using a hand winch, if necessary [Trifor].
 - [e] Sarah would be available – on a professional basis, to help us in the future, if we wanted.
 - [f] Equipment.

She gave us advice on the types of gear we should buy and some sources for purchase.
 - [g] School children Involvement.

We should get the school to plant seeds for new trees. Cath said she would speak to the Headmaster.
 - [h] Pond cleaning should be done in Feb. The situation re, newts to be checked on.

Cath explained the position of the Fund work = She is talking to a contractor to do The hedge on the southside in early autumn [cost £3900]. This is the major part of the Fund cash= £6015., which was awarded on the 19th, May, and should be spent before Next May.
 - [6] Election of Officers.

The existing officers agreed to continue= Chair= Margaret Pickford, Sec= Paul Rushforth, Treasurer= Derek Brewis.
Possible new committee members were mentioned and will be approached.
 - [7] Grants /Fundraising.

Margaret raffled the Quilt at the Fete and it gave us £ 30. and £12. of notelets were sold
It was suggested that we wrote to the 'Friends' telling them about the work being done this year. Robert said he would do a suitable letter [Derek will give him a list of the 'Friends']
Cath said she keeps in contact with Cath Walker at the Boro. Council on possible grants available.
 - [8] 3M. workday.

This is on Thursday, 4th, Oct. 2007.
Derek has confirmed that the chipper and operator have been booked. The £180. from 3M. will cover most of the hire charge. The £ 380. from AstraZeneca has to be used to purchase equipment etc. He will produce a priced list of probable equipment which can be decided on at the next meeting.
 - [9] Sunday 7th, Oct, will be the 1st. Village workday.
 - [10] Link Article

Cath said she would do one [for the Sept. issue] mentioning the spending of the Fund cash, And the Workdays.
 - [11] AOB.

The positioning of the 'No Entry' signs were agreed.
 - [12] Date of next meeting. Thurs. 6th, Sept. in the Pavilion at 7.30 pm.